

BORDER CITY SALOON MEN TO FIGHT OPTION LAW

National Falls Council to Grant Licenses to Pave Way for Test Case.

JUDGE M. A. SPOONER PREPARING CASE

Violation of Home Rule Privileges is Claimed; Validity of County's Right of Option Questioned.

Judge Marshall A. Spooner returned yesterday from St. Paul where the announcement was made that he would represent the saloon men of International Falls in a test case attacking the constitutionality of the county option law.

The case will be brought immediately in Koochiching county and probably will be argued before the supreme court Jan. 17, after the present calendar of cases has been cleared up.

This action was decided after a conference between state officials, Judge Spooner and Attorney George A. Bangs of Grand Forks, who represents the liquor interests of Crookston and East Grand Forks. The question will be tested on habeas corpus proceedings.

Based on Charter. Liquor interests base their attack on the law mainly on the home rule charter section of the state constitution. They claim that the county option law, by allowing counties to deprive home rule charter cities of the right to license saloons, is in conflict with that feature of the state constitution.

Plan Test in Koochiching.

Koochiching county has voted dry, and licenses of saloons at International Falls are about to lapse, but it has been agreed by members of the city council, it is said, to issue new licenses and so bring the matter into court.

The saloon men of International Falls will continue to do business and submit to arrest. Then their attorneys could demand writs of habeas corpus, bringing the whole question before the court for speedy deliberation.

NOTHING TO CONTENTION, SAYS ATTORNEY GENERAL

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 26.—Attorney General Lyndon A. Smith made the following statement in regard to the county option test case in Koochiching county: "It is likely that I will ask for an injunction to restrain the International Falls council from issuing the licenses. I have not determined yet whether that is the proper method, but that will be decided soon.

MAY INCREASE INTERNAL TAXATION FOR EXPENSES

Washington, Nov. 26.—Increases in internal taxation rather than issuance of bonds to meet the first year's expenses of the administration's defense program are advocated by Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department, in a formal statement, giving an estimate of the federal government's revenues and expenditures up to the end of the fiscal year, beginning next July.

Assuming that congress will continue in effect the present emergency tax law and customs duty on sugar, the secretary estimates that \$112,806,394 in additional revenue will be needed for the expenditures of 1917, including \$93,800,000 for new measures for national defense.

Rhineland, Wis., Nov. 26.—After wandering in a forest for 36 hours, with his clothing nearly frozen to his body, M. L. Gjestrum, a grocer of this city, was rescued by a homesteader. Gjestrum had entered the woods near Hawkins, with an aged guide, on Monday for the purpose of locating spruce. In a snowstorm he lost his guide. He was unable to find his way back and wandered about in a circle all night. The following day he found an abandoned cabin where he was able to build a fire. Later he waded a river to reach a railroad. In the afternoon he reached a homesteader's cabin where he collapsed. He returned to Rhineland yesterday.

MEXICAN SOLDIERS ENTER UNITED STATES

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 26.—Eighty-eight Mexican soldiers crossing into the United States at the Harrison ranch, east of here, fired at six American troopers of the Tenth cavalry yesterday. Twenty-five other troopers of the Tenth cavalry who were on reserve posts, opened fire on the Mexicans, killing a number, according to reports, and bringing one wounded prisoner to camp.

AMERICANS FIRED UPON BY VILLAISTAS

Washington, Nov. 26.—In a series of attacks on American soldiers at Nogales, American soil was invaded by Villaistas. American soldiers were red upon by 200 Villaistas. An American consular officer was insulted, according to dispatches from General Funston. Large reinforcements of American troops are being rushed to Nogales. There have been no American casualties.

CHILEAN SHIP AND CREW LOST

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 26.—Special advices to the Ledger today from Victoria, B. C., stated that the Chilean full rigged, four-masted iron ship Carelmapu has been lost with all hands, numbering about 25.

The Carelmapu, the dispatch said, was driven ashore before a terrific gale one mile east of Goglad rock, Schooner cove, on the west coast of Vancouver island, and the vessel was pounded to pieces.

B. POPP QUINT DEFEATS PIONEER

Standing of the Teams.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Schneider	3	0	1.000
Crookston Lbr. Co.	2	0	1.000
Barbers	2	1	.666
Quality Grocers	2	1	.666
B. Popp	2	1	.666
Koors Bros.	1	3	.333
Belframi County	1	2	.333
Pioneer	1	2	.333
Barker's	0	2	.000
Sentinel	0	3	.000

The Pioneer bowling team was defeated yesterday afternoon at the Gould alleys by the B. Popp team, the score being 2,319 against 2,203 pins.

Kreatz, for the Popp team, bowled the high score of the day, securing 197 pins.

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL RESULTS

- Cornell 24, Pennsylvania 9.
- Brown 39, Carlisle 3.
- South Dakota 0, Creighton 0.
- Syracuse 6, Montana 6.
- St. Louis 0, Georgetown 90.
- Western Reserve 26, Case 20.
- Kansas 8, Missouri 6.
- Miami 24, Cincinnati 12.
- Pittsburgh 20, Penn State 0.
- Notre Dame 36, Texas 7.
- Colorado College 3, Colorado School of Mines 6.
- Colorado Aggies 33, Denver 3.
- Arkansas 45, Oklahoma School of Mines 0.
- Washington and Lee 48, North Carolina Aggies 13.
- Washington 46, Colorado 0.
- DePaul 13, Keewatin 7.
- Marquette 0, St. Thomas 0.
- Drake 14, Ames 28.
- Washington Jefferson 27, Lehigh 3.
- Virginia 14, North Carolina 0.
- Columbia 18, Wesleyan 0.
- Minneapolis Marines 0, All-Stars 7.

THANKSGIVING IS GIVEN POOR FAMILY BY COGO CLUB

Young Men's Organization Finds Home in Stricken Circumstances and Presents Dinner.

"MAY GOD BE WITH YOU," IS FATHER'S REMARK

Many an Opportunity to Give Thanks is Found, Although Few Realize Significance of Holiday.

Not half a mile from the court house, an old, toil-worn man was chopping stumps from the frozen ground yesterday, Thanksgiving. He was cutting the stumps for fuel to prevent actual freezing to death. Near where he was cutting the stumps was a house through which the wind whistled unmercifully, some places you could see the bare sky above through the roof, window panes were broken and stuffed with old rags to keep frost and snow out. This was his home, the home of his family.

In Semi-Nudity.

Little children in the state of semi-nudity scampered around the house trying to find a warm spot or covering for their naked little frost-bitten legs and feet. They hampered and harassed a hunger-thinned though patient mother, who was trying her best to scrape together enough scraps to appease the little ones' biting appetites.

From every nook and crack, death by starvation and lack of warmth seemed to be creeping into this poverty-stricken place from which the children's idea of home was formed. The father was an old man and was unable to find employment and he was already in the last throes of desperation trying to seek some form of food and shelter; the mother tried to cheer her children by telling them of better times to come, when work could be found and when food, clothing and warm shelter were to be had.

Better Times Come.

And better times were soon to come to them, to assist them in getting a new hold on life. It was shortly after ten o'clock yesterday, Thanksgiving, morning that several members of the "Cogo" club found this belated home. The "Cogo" club is formed of young men who are assisting the Associated Charities in their good work. The "Cogo" club delivered a basket, a Thanksgiving Day basket, to this poor family. In the basket were turkey, potatoes, pumpkin pie, butter, bread, celery, cranberries and everything else that helps to make up a real Thanksgiving dinner.

This one home was brightened and a cause for thanksgiving made. Still when Thanksgiving comes but few of the people realize what they should give thanks for. In just such a case as the members of the "Cogo" club found many an opportunity for thanks can be found.

And the "Cogo" club members were properly rewarded for their good work as the old, bent, gray-haired father said to them: "Many thanks, gentlemen, and may God be with you," and his face showed his deep appreciation.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INSPECT RURAL HIGHWAY

The board of county commissioners resumed their sessions at the office of the county auditor this morning. Routine matters were considered. The meeting adjourned at noon until three o'clock this afternoon, while the commissioners inspected Rural Highway No. 9-C.

St. Cloud, Minn., Nov. 26.—P. R. Thielman, Harold Knutson and P. J. Seberger of St. Cloud, John McGibbons of Sauk Center and Mr. Engle of Kimball were selected as delegates from Stearns county to the development meeting called by Governor Hammond for Dec. 1.

K. C. INITIATE CLASS OF 43; MANY GUESTS PRESENT

Several Hundred Members of Order From Grand Forks, Crookston and Other Places Present.

ATTORNEY P. J. RUSSELL TOASTMASTER AT FEAST

Majority of Candidates From Outside Points; One of Largest Classes Ever Had Here.

Over 150 representatives from Grand Forks and Crookston, with delegations from Akeley, Park Rapids, Cass Lake, Grand Rapids and Northome, in addition to the entire order in Bemidji, took part in the initiation of 43 candidates into the Knights of Columbus order yesterday. A majority of the candidates were from outside lodges.

The initiation program commenced at eight o'clock in the morning with solemn mass at St. Philip's church. Father J. J. T. Philippe celebrated mass and Father J. J. Hawks of Akeley delivered the sermon.

At ten-thirty o'clock the first degree initiation was held. During the afternoon the second and third degree work was given. The candidates for the second degree were instructed by local officers and candidates for the third degree were instructed by Judge Gosman of Crookston, district deputy for Minnesota, and H. C. Thatcher of Grand Forks, district deputy for North Dakota.

At six o'clock a dinner was served by the Catholic Ladies' Aid society under the supervision of Mrs. J. Bislar. Over 250 people were served. After the dinner a program of toasts and speeches was given. Attorney P. J. Russell, lecturer of the local order, was the toastmaster. Among those who responded to toasts were Father J. J. Hawks of Akeley, H. C. Thatcher of Grand Forks, Judge Gosman of Crookston and Dr. Dufort of Northome.

GAME WARDEN AFTER VIOLATORS

Many Are Arrested and Convictions Are Secured by Warden Sherm Bailey.

Game Warden Sherm Bailey is making an active campaign against violators of game laws in this vicinity. During the past few days he has arrested several hunters and has secured convictions.

Hans Olson, who lives south of the Upper Red Lakes, was fined \$53 for hunting without a license and selling venison. His gun was confiscated.

William McDonald was fined ten dollars and costs for hunting without a license.

Ed. Gray and T. Thompson were fined ten dollars each at Walker for shipping rat hides illegally.

L. F. Norquist of Birch township was fined ten dollars for hunting without a license.

T. C. Bolan of Tenstrike was fined ten dollars for trapping.

Herb Schaack was fined ten dollars for the illegal shipment of whitefish.

Several other cases are pending. Deer and moose near Kellihier and Shooks Spur are reported to be plentiful by hunters.

A large moose was shot near Cass Lake several days ago.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Senator Sutherland of Utah, who has been chosen by suffrage forces to lead their fight this season, today completed draft of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution. He will introduce it early in the session. It proposes the elimination of the word "male" from the constitutional restrictions on suffrage.

TAX RATE FOR BEMIDJI INCREASES ABOUT NINE MILLS

1915 Rate as Approved by County Auditor's Office, to Be 75.6 Mills as Compared to 66.6 in 1914.

CITY'S TAX LEVY FOR YEAR \$47,530

State and County Rate 19.7 Mills; School District No. 7 26.9 Mills and City's Levy 29 Mills.

Bemidji's tax rate for 1915 is 75.6 mills, according to an announcement made today at the county auditor's office.

This is nine mills higher than the 1914 rate, which was 66.6 mills. The tax levy for the city of Bemidji as fixed by resolution of the city council, amounts to \$47,530, which is apportioned as follows:

General expenses	\$30,930
Permanent improvements	5,600
Library	1,500
Poor	3,000
Interest fund	3,500
Sinking fund	3,000
Total	\$47,530

The auditor's office has computed the tax rates for 1915 to correspond with the levy made, as follows:

	Mills
General expenses	18.9
Permanent improvement	3.4
Library	1.1
Poor	1.8
Interest	2.1
Sinking	1.8
Total	29.7
State and county rate	19.7
School Dist. No. 7	26.9
Total 1915 rate	75.6

GOVERNOR RESIGNS TO GO TO FRONT

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—Governor George Black of the Territory of Yukon wired his resignation as governor to Premier Borden of Canada, it was learned today, preparatory to the acceptance of a commission as captain in the expeditionary forces to be sent to France in the spring. Arrangements were made recently for such a course with General Samuel Hughes, commanding the Canadian militia.

Governor Black, it was said, will go into the training camp at Vancouver, B. C., for three months, and then take command of a company to be recruited in Yukon and concentrated at Dawson, whence the men will march overland 480 miles on their way to Vancouver.

Milan, Nov. 26.—A dispatch to the Secolo, from Syracuse, says the Italian government has learned that the machinery of interned German and Austrian steamships which it has requisitioned has been tampered with. Essential parts were removed and hidden but most of them were found after careful search. In one instance the machinery was concealed in a secret compartment constructed for the purpose.

Washington, Nov. 26.—A pile of more than 3,000 telegrams has been heaped on a desk at the White House all urging President Wilson to have the United States participate in a conference of neutral nations in an attempt to restore peace in Europe. The messages were sent from all parts of the country at the instance of the Woman's Peace party.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 26.—There were 700 Knights of Columbus in the city attending a ceremonial held at Columbus hall yesterday. The forenoon and afternoon was devoted to conferring the three degrees by a degree team from the council at St. Paul.

Pioneer want ads bring results.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN ARKANSAS TORNADO

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 26.—Twelve persons are known to have been killed, one man is believed to be buried in the ruins of his home, and about thirty persons were injured, some of them probably fatally, by a tornado which swept through the thickly settled farming country about a mile east of the city limits of Hot Springs yesterday afternoon. Many farm homes were demolished. All of the dead and injured were farmers.

The city of Hot Springs suffered no damage and no one was injured within its limits. This information was brought to Little Rock by passengers on a Rock Island train, which reached here shortly after 11 o'clock last night. All wires to Hot Springs are out of commission.

Practically all the dead were killed by the collapse of their homes.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 26.—One person was killed, many were injured and heavy property damage caused by a brief but furious squall which struck Houston and vicinity late yesterday. Many warehouses and sheds were blown down and their contents destroyed.

STEAMSHIP OFFICERS PLACED ON TRIAL

New York, Nov. 26.—The trial of four Hamburg-American officials charged with neutrality violations was resumed today. Captain Olaf Nieldon of the Norwegian steamer Nephos was the first witness called. He stated that he was introduced to Adolph Hochmeister, one of the defendants, when the Nephos was chartered by the Hamburg-American line and that his orders were to sail to Teneriffe to meet certain ships.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Demands of the American government that a "place of safety" be provided for persons on vessels torpedoed by submarines, it was learned today, have caused a hitch with Germany in negotiations over sinking of the American schooner William P. Frye. Although the last American note in the Frye case was sent to Germany more than a month ago, Berlin has so far declined to accede to the American principle that open boats in mid-ocean cannot be regarded as a place of safety.

Toledo, Nov. 26.—All Toledo will welcome Minister and Mrs. Brand Whitlock when they arrive in this city the latter part of next week. Details of the reception are being worked out by the Commerce club. A telegram received yesterday dispelled doubt as to whether Whitlocks' physical condition would permit him to undergo the strain of a demonstration.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 26.—At a meeting of the State Federation of Commercial Clubs, which will be held here on Dec. 15 and 16, one of the principal matters to be discussed is immigration.

* "ADVANCE MOSES, AND DELIVER THE 10 COMMANDMENTS!" *
* London, Nov. 2. — (By mail.)—A real incident of unappreciated humor came via soldier letter. The Tommy said: "There is a certain Padre up our way who was late in returning to his quarters and forgot the countersign. The following conversation is between the Padre and a sentry who had a sense of humor: "Halt! Who goes there?" "Ah-er-oh-I'm, I'm Moses!" "Advance, Moses, and deliver the Ten Commandments!" * The Padre, the letter adds, failed to take it so humorously and the witty Tommy is now doing 28 days' field duty as punishment. *****

SERBIA STARVING; BLACKEST PAGE IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY

Men, Women, Children and Even Animals Fleeing From Advancing Armies, Drop by Wayside.

APPEAL TO AMERICA FOR AID TO NON-COMBATANTS

Packs of Dogs Prowling Through Country Like Wild, Searching for Food; People Semi-Delirious.

By W. G. Shepherd. (United Press Staff Correspondent) Monastir, Serbia, Nov. 26.—Serbia is starving.

Men, women, children and even animals are fleeing before the advance of hostile armies. They are dying from hunger along the roadsides. In large areas there has been no food for many days.

Packs of dogs are prowling the country like wild animals searching for food.

The road from Nish to Monastir is a highway of agony. It is lined with dead horses, interspersed with bodies of men, women and children fugitives who have dropped out on account of exhaustion.

Refugees stream in a semi-delirious manner. Mme. Stavko Groitch arrived here after a 20 days' trip from Nish and stated that even the horses they rode dropped to the roadside, starved. Their daily ration was a small chunk of bread.

This is perhaps the blackest page in Serbia's history.

H. Michette D. Welle, Belgian minister to Serbia, said aid Serbia is looking to America for aid. Mme. Groitch wired John D. Rockefeller to aid the non-combatants.

AUSTRIAN FORCES CROSS UPPER IBAR RIVER

Berlin, Nov. 26.—What is left of Serbia's northern army is trying to get into Montenegro. The Serbs failed after a battle along Mitrovitz-Pristina line. The Austrian forces have crossed the upper Ibar river.

GERMAN CRUISER FRAUNLOB SUNK

Petrograd, Nov. 26.—The German cruiser Fraunlob was sunk in the Baltic at the same time as was the Undine, was the semi-official statement made here this morning.

POLAND'S CONDITION IS VERY DESPERATE

Berlin, Nov. 26.—With four thousand towns burned, millions of men, women and children starving, Poland's condition is more desperate than was Belgium's, Director Vernon I. Kellogg of the Belgium Relief committee today told American Ambassador Gerard.

He praised the Germans for what they are doing in relief work, but despite these measures says that all work will fall short of what is really needed.

The Germans have opened up soup kitchens in Warsaw. Kellogg talked with Governor General von Bressler in Warsaw and suggested arrangements for shipping food into the country under the pledge that it would not be requisitioned for German use.

ALLIES PROMISE TO INDEMNIFY GREECE

London, Nov. 26.—Cordial relations between Greece and the entente powers have been re-established by the Greek government's assurances that no attempt will be made to interfere with the allied troops should they under any contingency be forced to cross the Greek frontier and that as heretofore railway and other facilities will be afforded them.

That the assurances and guarantees are satisfactory to the Allies is shown in the fact that Greek grain ships, which had been held up at Malta, have been allowed to proceed to their destination, relieving what would have been a very serious shortage of bread supplies if their detention had been prolonged.

It is understood that the Allies also have promised Greece a monetary indemnity after the war for any damage which might be done through the occupation of Greek territory.

BRainerd TO SEND FOUR DELEGATES TO N. M. D. A. MEET

Brainerd, Minn., Nov. 26.—The Brainerd Chamber of Commerce will send to the Northern Minnesota Development association meeting at Bemidji four delegates.

Madrid, Spain, Nov. 26.—In addressing parliament Premier Dato denied there was a possibility that Spain would intervene in the war. He said that since the outbreak of hostilities Spain had been receiving constantly expressions of good will from all the belligerents.

